

THE MEMPHIS DAILY APPEAL—SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1860.

The Memphis Appeal.
ALD. MARTIN ON THE CITY BE-
NANCES.

Drafted before the Board of Aldermen on a resolution
for a Committee to examine into the condition
of the different Bureaus of the City Govern-
ment.

In urging the importance of appointing this committee, I feel assured that you and this board will indulge me in a short retrospect of the past, and of its present condition, and of the causes which led to it; and, in making this review, I can say with all sincerity that our cause fails, but to guard this board from further censure by others, we have had to be compelled by others to do what we ourselves, like ourselves, acted under their enlightened judgment, and to do what we believe to be the best interest of the welfare of the city.

Official action can have no influence upon my course here; for, from slight experien-

ces I have made in attempting to reach po-
litical, both in Congress and State politics,

I am sure that the public opinion of the country can always find some one, if not more capacity, at least with more popularity, to place in power and position. The ex-
pressions of this view of my political life, trust me, are not to be found in the Sixth Ward.

The people of that ward, sir, two occasions when I have agreed to serve them, have elected an alderman by a vote which was highly complimentary. They are an intelligent, patriotic, and enterprising class, and I pledge myself not to betray them.

With, nothing in the past, and less in the future, of official position to promote to me, I trust, that my purpose is any other than to promote the best interest of Memphis in its remarks.

Gentlemen of the Board, I need not say to you what all know, what all must know, that your constituents are poor, and still poorer, and still poorer; that you can scarcely expect from them retirement and recompence—retirement in the expenditure of the city revenue, and reform in the general conduct of your city money, in holding a strict account with all its city officers, and forcing its contractors to a strict compliance with their contracts to the letter and spirit. If such is any necessity, let us, then, make a strict account with our city, and fifth men you see on the streets, until all grammar and stuff? Is the fact of the election of a new Board, with the exception alone of the efficient alderman from the Third Ward, to indicate that this Board, this year, has done nothing for the welfare of the city?

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